

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original): A reconfigurable emulation integrated circuit, comprising:

a storage unit comprising a signal inclusion schedule; and

circuitry, coupled to the storage unit, operative to generate and transmit a message outside the emulation integrated circuit, the message comprising a plurality of signals and assembled in accordance with the signal inclusion schedule, wherein the signal inclusion schedule specifies the order and frequency of occurrence of each of the plurality of signals in the message.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The ~~reconfigurable emulation integrated circuit~~ ~~message formation and send block~~ of claim 1, wherein signals in the ~~a~~ message that are determined to be more critical than other signals occur with greater frequency than signals determined to be less critical in the signal inclusion schedule.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The ~~reconfigurable emulation integrated circuit~~ ~~message formation and send block~~ of claim 1, wherein the message is generated and transmitted in a plurality of clock cycles of an operating clock that is independent of an emulation clock of the plurality of signals.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The ~~reconfigurable emulation integrated circuit~~ ~~message formation and send block~~ of claim 1, wherein the circuitry further includes a parity value generator and wherein the message further comprises a parity value generated by the parity value generator.

Claims 5-8 (canceled)

Claim 9 (original): A reconfigurable integrated circuit, comprising:

a storage unit comprising a signal inclusion schedule for a plurality of signals to be received in a message; and

circuitry, coupled to the storage unit, operative to receive and extract the plurality of signals from the message in accordance with the signal inclusion schedule, wherein the signal inclusion schedule specifies the order and frequency of occurrence of each of the plurality of signals in the message.

Claim 10 (currently amended): The ~~reconfigurable emulation integrated circuit~~~~message receive and disassembly block~~ of claim 9, wherein signals in ~~the a~~ message that are determined to be more critical than other signals occur with greater frequency than signals determined to be less critical in the signal inclusion schedule.

Claim 11 (currently amended): The ~~reconfigurable emulation integrated circuit~~~~message receive and disassembly block~~ of claim 9, wherein the message comprises state values of the plurality of signals.

Claim 12 (currently amended): The ~~reconfigurable emulation integrated circuit~~~~message receive and disassembly block~~ of claim 9, wherein the message is received and disassembled in a plurality of clock cycles of an operating clock that is independent of an emulation clock of the plurality of signals.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The ~~reconfigurable emulation integrated circuit~~~~message receive and disassembly block~~ of claim 9, wherein a parity value is extracted from the message.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The ~~reconfigurable emulation integrated circuit~~~~message receive and disassembly block~~ of claim 13, wherein the circuitry is further ~~a portion~~ configured to generate a parity verification value from the extracted plurality of signals and compare the parity verification value with the extracted parity value.

Claims 15-19 (canceled)

Claim 20 (original): An emulation integrated circuit, comprising:

at least one reconfigurable logic resource;

at least one output pin; and

a message formation and send block in communication with the output pin and the reconfigurable logic resource, the message formation and send block operative to receive multiple output signals from the reconfigurable logic resource and generate a message on the output pin in accordance with a first signal inclusion schedule, wherein the first signal inclusion schedule specifies the order and frequency of occurrence of each of the output signals.

Claim 21 (original): The emulation integrated circuit of claim 20, further comprising:

an input pin; and

a message receive and disassembly block in communication with the input pin and the reconfigurable logic resource, operative to receive a message and extract multiple input signals from the message in accordance with a second signal inclusion schedule.

Claim 22 (original): The emulation integrated circuit of claim 20, further comprising a plurality of output pins and a plurality of message formation and send blocks in communication with the plurality of output pins and the reconfigurable logic resource, each message formation and send block operative to receive multiple output signals from the reconfigurable logic resource and generate a message on the output pin in accordance with a different respective signal inclusion schedule.

Claim 23 (original): The emulation integrated circuit of claim 20, further comprising a plurality of reconfigurable logic resources in communication with the message formation and send block.

Claim 24 (original): An emulation integrated circuit, comprising:

at least one reconfigurable logic resource;

at least one input pin; and

a message receive and disassembly block in communication with the reconfigurable logic resource and the input pin, the message receive and disassembly block operative to receive a

message by the input pin and extract multiple input signals for the reconfigurable logic resource in accordance with a signal inclusion schedule, wherein the signal inclusion schedule specifies the order and frequency of occurrence of each of the input signals.

Claims 25-27 (canceled)